

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
MAY 3, 2016 MEETING**

**SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Jacob Fries, Mark Spitts, Agnes O'Donnell

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Agnes O'Donnell

2016 meetings: usually 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday, Town Hall Annex, first floor.

The first Tuesdays in 2016 are: Jan, 5. Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- **Sonar treatment** to attack anything photosynthesizing will begin on Monday, May 7. Growth is very dense and covered with algae. Scheduling of the treatment was delayed due to notification of abutters.
- Town Meeting will vote on the **warrant article** for the water bodies fund, which was approved by the Finance Committee.
- **Addling of geese eggs** has been successful to date, with no new goslings observed.
- Numerous dead carp appeared in the past month. Gulls were seen eating them. Many remain in the pond. The State told Bill the die-off was not large enough to warrant action.
- An **early Trails Day on April 30** involved 40-50 members of the Arlington-Belmont Crew led by parent Jen Rothenberg. Brett Loosian worked with MassDOT to mow and pick up trash along Route 2. Brad will send a note thanking Jen and Brett. Teams pulled out a great amount of bittersweet and removed litter on both sides of the Route 2 fence. There was a lot of between Route 2 and the pond. Steve retrieved glass from the water next to the bank.
- The official **Trails Day on May 14** will be publicized through the Arlington Land Trust, Kelwyn Manor, Arlington High School, the Boy Scouts, and the Arlington List. The day will include help by the AMC crew to open up brush at the bottom of steps and place brush-buffers showing the direction of trails. Directed volunteers will remove litter along Route 2. Treatment of poison ivy is to be determined. There will be tents and tables for registration, first aid kit, waiver forms, snacks, and a trash barrel. A port-a-potty will be provided.
- Jacob proposed having the DPW put a trash and recycle container at the Pleasant Street end.
- Jacob has requested that the DPW pull out a tree at the end of Spring Valley while the water is low. They will reply.
- Joey Glushko will be retiring on June 30. People expressed regret because of her valuable work with the town and being liaison to our committee.
- Juvenile and adult eagles were seen during the last week near Route 2.